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STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS TO RECEIVE \$233 MILLION

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced that states will receive more than \$233 million this year for fish and wildlife restoration programs through the preliminary apportionments of two Federal aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fish and Wildlife Service Director John Turner said these programs are financed by hunters and anglers through Federal excise taxes on sporting equipment such as firearms, ammunition, and fishing tackle; import taxes on fishing tackle and pleasure boats; and a percentage of motorboat fuel taxes.

"These funds are absolutely vital to maintaining state wildlife programs," Turner said. "America's hunters and anglers can take pride in doing their part to help meet the conservation challenges facing this Nation's fish and wildlife resources as we approach the next century."

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised over \$2 billion, all earmarked for state fish and wildlife programs such as land acquisition, habitat

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improvement, research, and education.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1990 is \$108,100,000. This money comes from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1990 totals \$125,200,000. This money comes from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1990. The final apportionments will be announced in the spring of 1990.

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990

	<u>WILDLIFE RESTORATION</u>	<u>HUNTER EDUCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	1,508,827	413,924	1,922,751
ALASKA	4,535,000	174,000	4,709,000
ARIZONA	2,127,527	289,196	2,416,723
ARKANSAS	1,562,579	243,191	1,805,770
CALIFORNIA	3,528,672	522,000	4,050,672
COLORADO	2,373,607	307,388	2,680,995
CONNECTICUT	453,500	330,663	784,163
DELAWARE	453,500	174,000	627,500
FLORIDA	1,487,608	522,000	2,009,608
GEORGIA	1,963,245	522,000	2,485,245
HAWAII	453,500	174,000	627,500
IDAHO	1,813,311	174,000	1,987,311
ILLINOIS	1,699,248	522,000	2,221,248
INDIANA	1,329,181	522,000	1,851,181
IOWA	1,514,613	310,000	1,824,613
KANSAS	1,743,856	251,458	1,995,314
KENTUCKY	1,454,611	389,597	1,844,208
LOUISIANA	1,531,858	447,326	1,979,184
MAINE	1,034,833	174,000	1,208,833
MARYLAND	632,330	448,653	1,080,983
MASSACHUSETTS	460,869	522,000	982,869
MICHIGAN	3,324,474	522,000	3,846,474
MINNESOTA	2,615,063	433,831	3,048,894
MISSISSIPPI	1,495,948	268,210	1,764,158
MISSOURI	2,469,681	522,000	2,991,681
MONTANA	2,812,297	174,000	2,986,297
NEBRASKA	1,556,442	174,000	1,730,442
NEVADA	1,744,202	174,000	1,918,202
NEW HAMPSHIRE	453,500	174,000	627,500
NEW JERSEY	465,799	522,000	987,799
NEW MEXICO	2,130,766	174,000	2,304,766
NEW YORK	2,781,390	522,000	3,303,390
NORTH CAROLINA	1,673,682	522,000	2,195,682
NORTH DAKOTA	1,285,460	174,000	1,459,460
OHIO	1,850,048	522,000	2,372,048
OKLAHOMA	1,688,948	321,905	2,010,853
OREGON	2,331,098	280,130	2,611,228
PENNSYLVANIA	3,863,523	522,000	4,385,523
RHODE ISLAND	453,500	174,000	627,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	950,530	331,901	1,282,431
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,541,484	174,000	1,715,484
TENNESSEE	2,187,997	488,481	2,676,478
TEXAS	4,535,000	522,000	5,057,000
UTAH	1,856,954	174,000	2,030,954
VERMONT	453,500	174,000	627,500
VIRGINIA	1,991,088	522,000	2,513,088
WASHINGTON	1,693,572	439,472	2,133,044
WEST VIRGINIA	1,181,245	174,000	1,355,245
WISCONSIN	2,811,165	500,674	3,311,839
WYOMING	1,781,201	174,000	1,955,201
PUERTO RICO	453,500	0	453,500
GUAM	151,167	29,000	180,167
VIRGIN ISLANDS	151,167	29,000	180,167
AMERICAN SAMOA	151,167	29,000	180,167
MARIANA ISLANDS	151,167	29,000	180,167
TOTAL	90,700,000	17,400,000	108,100,000

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990

ALABAMA	\$ 2,106,813
ALASKA	6,260,000
ARIZONA	2,668,306
ARKANSAS	2,168,460
CALIFORNIA	6,260,000
COLORADO	3,102,356
CONNECTICUT	1,252,000
DELAWARE	1,252,000
FLORIDA	2,756,889
GEORGIA	2,461,036
HAWAII	1,252,000
IDAHO	2,038,829
ILLINOIS	2,633,006
INDIANA	1,907,232
IOWA	1,739,163
KANSAS	1,829,201
KENTUCKY	2,010,147
LOUISIANA	1,918,321
MAINE	1,252,000
MARYLAND	1,252,000
MASSACHUSETTS	1,252,000
MICHIGAN	5,025,006
MINNESOTA	4,521,302
MISSISSIPPI	1,735,544
MISSOURI	3,299,138
MONTANA	2,900,185
NEBRASKA	1,647,672
NEVADA	1,886,101
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,252,000
NEW JERSEY	1,252,000
NEW MEXICO	2,293,724
NEW YORK	3,273,278
NORTH CAROLINA	1,739,480
NORTH DAKOTA	1,343,569
OHIO	3,293,177
OKLAHOMA	2,320,471
OREGON	3,071,986
PENNSYLVANIA	3,217,892
RHODE ISLAND	1,252,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,374,253
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,543,980
TENNESSEE	2,231,351
TEXAS	6,260,000
UTAH	2,059,968
VERMONT	1,252,000
VIRGINIA	2,015,069
WASHINGTON	3,025,074
WEST VIRGINIA	1,252,000
WISCONSIN	4,250,818
WYOMING	1,900,538
PUERTO RICO	1,252,000
GUAM	417,333
VIRGIN ISLANDS	417,333
AMERICAN SAMOA	417,333
MARIANA ISLANDS	417,333
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	417,333
TOTAL	\$125,200,000